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REAR ADM. KYLE J. COZAD
JTF COMMANDER

You know, this year it's been hard for me to really get my head around the fact that we are smack in the middle of the Christmas holiday season. After all – our local weather is amazing, with folks typically wearing shorts and flip flops, while many of our hometown friends and families are bundled up and already shoveling snow. I've heard many folks

NEW BEGINNINGS: REFLECT ON 2014, FOCUS ON THE YEAR AHEAD

around the community say “it just doesn't feel like Christmas.”

Well, let me offer a perspective that might just change how we all approach the coming weeks.

For me, there was an event that really brought home the joy of the season – the GTMO community Christmas parade. During that parade, it was hard not to be reminded of the joys of the season – watching children of all ages, young and old, put everything else aside and enjoy the magic of the night. After all – this season isn't about cold weather ... and it's often hard to remember it's not even about presents and gifts. That community Christmas parade reminded me that this holiday season is about new beginnings. It's also about taking stock of those things precious to us – and maybe – giving back to someone less fortunate than we are. Maybe that giving back is something as simple as saying “thanks.”

So while most of us won't be able to spend this holiday season with our families – and my wife and I are included in those numbers, one thing I'm thankful for is that we are blessed to spend the holidays with our GTMO family. In the last six months, our community – and specifically,

the men and women of the Joint Task Force – have endeared themselves as family to Amy and I. The amazing commitment to our mission, the willingness to volunteer and make this community better, and the sense of camaraderie, teamwork – and YES ... family.

Over the coming weeks, spend some time taking stock of those things for which you are thankful. Take the time this holiday season to reach out and tell those people in your lives not here with you, that you love them and appreciate what they do. And take the time to refocus on what we as individuals can do to become better husbands or wives, sons or daughters, parents and LEADERS.

This Christmas season is all about new beginnings. As you reflect on the season, we all have many blessings for which to be thankful. In the spirit of the holiday, THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO – for your service and sacrifice. Happy holidays to each and every member of Team GTMO!

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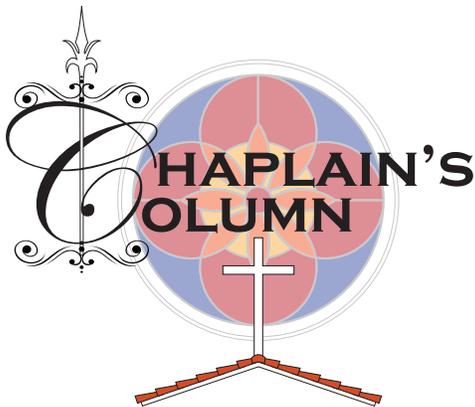
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For military personnel, being away from home for the holidays is not unexpected. If you are celebrating the holidays in sunny GTMO this year, breaking from your family traditions can be hard. That is why it is essential to bring some of those traditions with you. Being deployed holidays can be difficult; you miss your family customs this time of the year.

The Bible says, “Examine everything carefully;

DEALING WITH THE HOLIDAY AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY

hold fast to that which is good,” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Think about your favorite holiday traditions. You might have a habit of singing Christmas carols around your neighborhood or traveling to a family member's house for dinner. Maybe you love when you walk into a house with the smell of a real Christmas tree. As much as possible, make the traditions you truly miss part of your holiday this year.

Little things can make you feel included. Create a plan to speak with your family at a certain time during the holiday; telephone is good; Skype or Facetime is even better. You might become emotional when your family assembles around the monitor in their festive outfits and you are in uniform, but you will feel as if you are part of the party. The Bible says to “Diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and

lest they depart your heart,” (Deuteronomy 4:9).

You might feel that avoiding all reminders of home is the best method to keep your feelings in check. But that is most likely a way to have a last-minute breakdown when you talk with your family or you wake up New Year's Day. Instead, share those customs with your new GTMO friends. If this holiday means a movie at the Lyceum and food at the Windjammer, get some people together and maybe pack a gator. Try to safeguard against too much time alone. Make the holiday special with your traditions and new friends; it will help cut the loneliness of missing the festivities at home.

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HOLIDAYS IN THE CARIBBEAN

TROOPERS AT JTF-GTMO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON HOLIDAYS IN GTMO



PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS CHRISTINA RANDLE

"A benefit of spending the holidays in the Caribbean is the weather. I'm from California and in the winter it's snowy and rainy."



SPC. VINCENT MAGLIONE

"Well it's nice out, so we get to spend it on the beach instead of the normal staying inside out of the cold."



SPC MARCUS MONROE

"One of the benefits is that you don't have to worry about the snow, I'm not a big fan of the cold. One of the biggest benefits would have to be getting to spend the holidays next to the beach, the beautiful ocean view and the horizon; you can't beat that."

A PATIENT, NOT A DETAINEE



Medical personnel perform CPR on a mannequin while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. During the waiting process, guards had the opportunity to practice and ask questions about ways to correctly perform CPR.

A guard walks up and down an empty cellblock in the detention facility, waiting for the trainers to say the practice scenario has begun. Once the go-ahead is given, the call for back-up is made and medical personnel rush into the block ready for whatever medical emergency that is about to be thrown at them.

Medical personnel and guards worked through a realistic scenario on Dec. 18, to ensure preparedness for medical emergencies among the detainees.

"What we were doing is seeing, if we were actually to have a detainee go down due to a medical emergency, how we would go about performing life-support on that detainee and transporting him to the primary care location," said the Joint Medical Group training officer.

Detainees are treated indifferentially when it comes to medical care. The Camp 5/6 medical officer in charge said everything is set aside in a situation involving a detainee's health, and they receive nothing but the best possible care available.

"There is around-the-clock care for them. There is a nurse, a corpsman, and there is a provider on-call," said the JMG training department leading petty officer. "Anytime they need anything, there is someone on-call for them."

The exercise gave JTF personnel more in-

depth hands-on training that will allow them to perform even better during a real life situation.

"There were some good questions about who should do what, and that's ... the objective ... to find areas where we could improve on any places that needed answers," said the Camp 5/6 medical officer-in-charge.

Even after the scenario played through and the after-action review was performed, the Camp 5/6 Medical OIC said that just from the notes that he kept, he could tell everything ran as it should have. Especially in this scenario where the emergency occurred outside of the primary care site where they must then be transported.

From the first day that Service members touch down on Guantanamo Bay, they are thoroughly trained in every aspect of their job. Whether they are a guard, medical personnel, or operations, everyone plays an important role to keep things running smoothly here.

Safe, humane and legal care and custody of the detainees is the number one priority of JTF-GTMO.

Story and photo by
SPC. AMBER BOHLMAN

WO CORPS MAKES ITS MARK ON GTMO



Members of the Warrant Officers' Association-Iguana Chapter stand together during a fundraiser barbeque Saturday night at Phillips Dive Park in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The fundraiser was held for scholarships for GTMO youth.

The United States of America Warrant Officer's Association-Iguana Chapter hosted a barbeque Saturday night to raise money for scholarships for local youth. The barbeque took place at Phillips Dive Park in Guantanamo Bay.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tracy McKeithen and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Remar Yabes came up with the idea of starting a USAWOA chapter.

"It started when myself and Chief McKeithen, over a cup of coffee, just talking and came up with the idea," Yabes said.

The chapter has been open since May and plans to do more for the GTMO community.

"The warrant officer corps is less than three percent of the Army's Strength; the camaraderie is so unbelievably strong. We have different specialties, came from different backgrounds in the Army, but we all know how we got to where we are at and we never forget where we came from. The USAWOA-Iguana Chapter brings us more together, gives us the opportunity to be involved in the GTMO community by providing mentorship to the youth, scholarship program, and anything we can do the assist and help the community. Also we would like to make our association known here in GTMO, that all warrants, active and retired, from any service can join us," Yabes said. "We are also available for any questions from all Soldiers/

Troopers aspiring to be warrant officers, technical or flight."

The USAWOA plans on hosting more events like a carwash on Jan. 3, basketball tournament on Jan. 17 and a possible kid's day event in February.

“ BY SPONSORSHIP, MENTORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, ... IT'S SHOWING PEOPLE THAT WE'RE HERE TO HELP. ”

Besides public events, the USAWOA plans on creating an emergency financial fund for the community and also plans on donating funds to the local schools.

"Jan. 9, we are presenting a check to the schoolhouse from the warrant officer's association.

It's a check to donate to help out with any future school projects, maybe computers, stuff for the teachers, beautifying the school and supplies," McKeithen said.

From Saturday's cookout, McKeithen believes the Iguana Chapter made a great impact for the association and the community.

"I think it was a great turnout due to the support of the community, with everybody coming out to help the warrant officer's association. Giving the Soldiers the knowledge of what a warrant officer does and giving the opportunity for Soldiers, the lower enlisted, to feel comfortable to approach a warrant officer and ask them how we became warrant officers, what is a warrant officer," McKeithen said. "We [have] fliers out there to tell you what MOSs to apply for, what you need to do to become a warrant officer, and I think it's a benefit for the community by sponsorship, mentorship, leadership, and it's showing people that we're here to help."

Story and photo by
SGT. REBA BENALLY

SAYING ADIOS, FAREWELL TO GTMO



Senior Airman Nicholas Clifton carefully inspects a water heater for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay. Clifton will be completing his deployment within the next few weeks.

On yet another humid night in the Cuzco Barracks, Senior Airman Nicholas Clifton, a water and fuel systems maintenance technician, sits with his friends on the end of M-block under a make shift canopy of camouflage netting on wooden benches – a furniture staple here.

On this night Clifton shares a drink with friends, a mini-celebration of a milestone soon to pass and a transition back to the mainland – he’s moving out of the barracks this weekend and into transitional housing, one step closer to finishing his service at Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay as a member of the Base Engineer Emergency Force.

“We had our little briefing that they are moving us to the transitional tents in Camp Justice,” Clifton said. “I kinda looked forward to it for a long time [because] the guys that we replaced [told] us they had moved to the tents before they left. That always meant to me that I have only a couple more days [until] I leave.”

Clifton is part of a team of Airmen whose job is to maintain certain facilities and complete engineering projects across the naval station and the joint task force.

“I came into basic [training] not knowing I was going to be a plumber. I thought I was going to be a helicopter or aircraft mechanic, something

a little more glorious, but I wouldn’t change it. They have to be micro-managed to an extent just as a necessity. With us, there’s a million ways to fix everything and our leadership gives us that breathing room,” Clifton said.

Despite having to be away from his wife and a new dog in his home station that he sorely misses, Clifton believes he’s here for an important mission.

“This is still a deployment and people here try to make the most of it. I definitely feel that tight community feeling here,” he said.

One of those guys is Senior Airmen Christopher Scott, another member of the BEEF.

“There were only four of us Airmen in the shop, so we did pretty much every job together,” Scott said. “He loves to analyze every little detail about every job and as you can tell just by talking to him for five minutes he has a lot of stories. He can go on for a long time.”

JTF GTMO is both Clifton’s and Scott’s first deployment and the strong friendship they have built is something they will carry on after they are done here.

“It’s going to be the same, I think, going back home. We are pretty close with other guys in our shop back home and getting back into our routine probably will take a week. Then it will be like we were never here. We will always look back at what

we did here – the good times,” Scott said.

To Clifton and Scott, being a part of the community here means crossing the service lines.

“There’s a friend of mine who met a lot of Marines and Soldiers through the Corporal’s Course, so now everywhere we go he stops and says, ‘Hi’ to people,” Clifton said. “We also hang out with the third-country nationals who we’ve played soccer with. Now everywhere we go we have someone to talk to.”

Clifton, upon reflection, offered a bit of advice for those deployed here, regardless of what their rank or service is, his advice is simple.

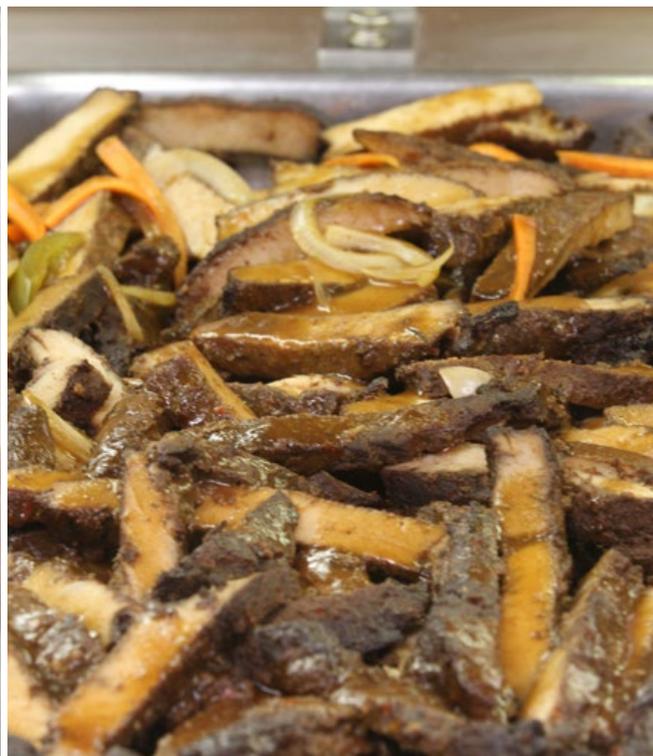
“Get involved with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Play sports, even if you aren’t on a team, sign up to be placed in a team,” he said. “A key to making it all go smoothly is filling out your day. You don’t want to get off of work and do nothing,” Clifton said.

Clifton and Scott both said they will spend the rest of their time here telling jokes and reminiscing.

Story and photo by

SGT. ADRIAN BORUNDA

THE WIZARD OF GTMO: THE MAN BEHIND THE SPICY CURTAIN



Glenton Thomas, also known as, 'Mr. Spice,' starts to prepare jerk pork for Jerk Wednesdays at the naval hospital's galley in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On Wednesday morning, just after breakfast, reggae music plays throughout the naval hospital's galley in Guantanamo Bay. The smell of spices and steam fill the air. There's chopping, pots and pans clanging, and the sizzling and boiling of some amazing dishes.

The most popular of all, is the jerk chicken and jerk sauce.

Glenton Thomas, also known as "Mr. Spice," is the watch captain of the galley and the master of the Joint Task Force's favorite dish.

"I feel happy that somebody can come and enjoy the food and give us compliments on it. I love that, because I put love in my food when I'm cooking it," Thomas said.

Delroy Henry, another galley watch captain, praised Mr. Spice's cooking and how much GTMO loves it.

"I'm really impressed about it. How we can make a difference for the military. I'm impressed about it. I really like it," Henry said.

The hospital galley is also known for their fried chicken, candied yams, pound cake, and Service members can make their own waffles for breakfast. But people always come back for the main crowd pleaser.

"It's really amazing because whenever people come, even from the White House, they say it's

the best place to eat. The Pentagon, anywhere, because they always come here and enjoy their meal. And when they go back they tell them they should come, they say this is the best place to eat, at the hospital," Thomas said.

“ I REALLY PUT PRIDE IN EVERYTHING THAT I COOK ... I LOVE TO DO WHAT I'M DOING ”

Not only does Washington D.C. enjoy the delicious meals, previous Service members who were stationed here continue complimenting the watch captains.

"I went to Norfolk, Virginia the other day and a lot of people said, 'Hey, Mr. Henry, we miss the

food down there in GTMO.' It was so cool. People remember, and they say they would like to come back on another tour, just for the food," Henry said.

Thomas has been cooking for 34 years and started working at the galley 24 years ago. Henry first met Thomas 22 years ago, and they have been good friends ever since.

"Mr. Spice is so cool, he taught me a lot. I learn a lot from him; also, he's my best friend. He's Spice One and I'm Spice Two," Henry said.

Although Thomas, Henry and the entire galley showed the upmost hospitality, there was one thing they weren't willing to share.

"Everybody comes here wanting the jerk sauce; they want everything, but we don't let this recipe leave the kitchen. This is an original. Our recipe will stay in here. We cannot give it away, if we give it away, we don't have any customers anymore," Thomas said. "We have to keep this as a secret."

There could be only one reason why the naval hospital galley is so popular.

"I really put pride in everything that I cook," Henry said. "I love to do what I'm doing."

Story and photo by
SGT. REBA BENALLY



Staff and junior helpers decorate the MWR boat that led the 2014 MWR Boat Parade on their two-lap journey from the admiral's house to the captains house and back on Saturday night.



Friends and family decorate their boat with snowflake Christmas lights while dressed up in their merry, silly outfits to help get into the holiday spirit.



Parade participants prepare to begin the event by lining up their decorated boats in the bay just outside of the marina Saturday night.



Kassie Rodríguez and her family navigate a whimsical path during the 2014 MWR Boat Parade on Saturday night.



The U.S. Coast Guard boat plays Christmas music over their speakers for all parade members and island-side onlookers to enjoy Saturday night.

A PARADE OF FLOATING LIGHTS

Families, friends and families-of-friends looking to enjoy a little holiday spirit gathered at the Marina on Saturday evening. Christmas lights, wreaths, palm leaves and many merry decorations were strung from bow to aft by participants who entered this year's MWR Boat Parade, an annual tradition here at Guantanamo Bay.

"The boat parade has been going on for about six or seven years," said Kassie Rodriguez, the Outside Recreation Event Programmer for the MWR.

Children and adults helped decorate a total of 10 boats while the Cuban sun slowly set on the bay. All the little colorful LED's and luminous decorations began to twinkle in the fading light as dusk closed in. Intricate designs ranging from stars to lizards brightened the night as the boats floated upon their calm, dancing reflections. Some covered up their beach attire with pointy elfish ear hats and Christmas tree skirts in place of festive shawls.

Rodriguez wanted to thank everyone for their participation this year to help make this year's boat parade a success, she said. She even joined in with her family on a boat to help celebrate Christmas in the Caribbean. Others got the chance to invite their families from afar to help celebrate the holidays.

"My daughter is here visiting for the holidays, so it's nice to get out on a boat with her," said Steve Baseden, a Navy contractor who works on Guantanamo Bay. "It was a good time."

The parade of boats made two laps from the Admiral's house to the Captain's house and back, floating along a whimsical path as they trolled through the evening. Cheerful holiday and country music played from both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Island Country Radio boats while the spectacle of lights made their circles around the old battleship moorings in the bay.

The merry annual event is open to all ages with a valid boater's license, which is easily obtained with a little determination, said Rodriguez.

"I hope people spread the word to others who are new to the island, so they can come experience some GTMO traditions," Rodriguez said. "... So hopefully they can join next year."

Story and Photos by
SGT. RICK HOPPE

REVIEW / **BIRDMAN**

Perhaps it's the Oscar buzz surrounding "Birdman," but in my humble opinion the film woefully fell short of living up to the hype surrounding Michael Keaton's second turn at relevance.

Director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Birdman" is a pretentious film made for those in the know — actors. It's pseudo-intellectual garbage that sometimes humorously plays on Keaton's real-life career trajectory. Keaton plays Riggan Thomson, a washed up former superhero actor who turned down a fourth turn as Birdman — ala Keaton's refusal to do Batman 3, get it? — and is now in desperation mode vying for importance in a digital world.

Thomson is broke, insignificant and throwing everything he has left into a Broadway show in an ego-stroking attempt to prove he's a real actor and catapult himself back into the spotlight.

"Birdman," filmed in a migraine-inducing continuous single shot, follows Thomson as he attempts to maintain a semblance of sanity while juggling a multitude of impossible tasks prior to opening night. His balancing act includes replacing an injured costar, dealing with infamous actor egos, a New York Times critic set on destroying him, fatherhood and possible schizophrenia or telekinesis; it's never truly apparent, and would

take entirely too much space in this family friendly publication to delve more deeply into the rationale of this story-within-a-story featuring Thompson's inner-dialogue with his superhero alter-ego who weirdly sounds like Christian Bale's Batman.

However, initially, the juxtaposition of Keaton's career with his fictional character is fun while simultaneously intertwining continued references to superheroes such as the scene when they search for a replacement for the injured costar. All the replacements Thomson mentions were unavailable because they were presently involved in the filming of X-Men, Avengers etc., so he settles on acclaimed stage thespian Mike (Edward Norton, The Incredible Hulk). But, the film's incessant satirical humor begins to feel like your witness to two hipsters' game of one-upmanship referencing film noir to gain favor with the tattooed barista serving lattes at a local coffeehouse. In other words, we get it director Inarritu, you're smarter than your viewer.

I haven't been this disappointed since my second marriage, so I give "Birdman" two bird droppings.

Movie review by

1ST LT. MACARIO MORA

REVIEW / **THE HOBBIT: BOFA**

Director Peter Jackson brings his 13-year-long, award-winning, middle-earth saga to an end with his final hobbit film "The Battle of the Five Armies." Based on the bestselling book by J.R.R. Tolkien, "The Hobbit" takes place before "The Lord of the Rings," focusing on Bilbo's journey to the Lonely Mountain. "The Hobbit," originally a single book, was broken up into three films, allowing Jackson time to go further in depth with the storyline.

The first hobbit grabbed many hesitant spectators by surprise who doubted Jackson could top his previous film, "The Return of the King," that finished off "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy and won best picture in 2004 — but behold an amazing start to another epic!

The second hobbit film, "The Desolation of Smaug," had amazing plot tie-ins with "The Lord of the Rings," great battle scenes, jaw-dropping effects and quirky humor. It even had an abrupt ending, leaving onlookers speechless.

For the finale, Jackson takes all the plot hype that the "The Desolation of Smaug" worked up to, along with most of the main characters, and completely abandons them, focusing instead on hordes of armies and supporting characters whom we've heard little about until now — Wait, what? What just happened?

First off, "The Battle of the Five Armies" is simply that, a

battle including five armies who coincidentally show up at the same time. Bilbo appears a handful of times, attempting to talk sense into each faction to avoid war. Gandalf, unlike himself, lacks conversational intelligence and magical awesomeness. And forget about the dwarves, save for Thorin who goes mad, talking to himself during most of the film. I'll refrain from commenting on his recovery from gold madness altogether.

There was hardly any exciting dialogue, character interactions or storytelling, which is opposite of the first two films. There were also huge character endings on several occasions that were a complete letdown that I won't spoil with any further detail. What a bummer.

Though it was a disappointing ending to the franchise, there may be a glimmer of light for some. Any hardcore fans of over-the-top effects and middle-earth action might still enjoy it overall. Many scenes tied-in to "The Lord of the Rings" nicely, inspiring me to watch them all over again. In the end, you get another glimpse of the Shire, where Bilbo returns to spend his days, finishing it off with a heartfelt scene with Bilbo and Gandalf, welding the saga together nicely.

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IN THEATERS THIS WEEK

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
DOWNTOWN	Into the Woods (NEW) PG, 7 p.m. Birdman R, 9 p.m.	Unbroken (NEW) PG13, 7 p.m. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb PG, 9:30 p.m.	Annie PG, 6:30 p.m. The Hobbit: BoFA PG13, 8:30 p.m.	Dumb & Dumber To (LS) PG13, 7 p.m.	Big Hero 6 (LS) PG, 7 p.m.	Horrible Bosses 2 R, 7 p.m. Beyond the Lights PG13, 9 p.m.	Exodus: Gods & Kings PG13, 7 p.m.	DOWNTOWN
BULKELEY	Unbroken (NEW) PG13, 8 p.m. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb PG, 10:30 p.m.	Into the Woods (NEW) PG, 8 p.m. Birdman R, 10 p.m.	Dumb & Dumber To (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	* LYCEUMS CLOSED	The Hobbit: BoFA PG13, 8 p.m.	* LYCEUMS CLOSED	Annie PG, 8 p.m.	BULKELEY

Call the Movie Hotline @ 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook for more info.

* Concessions closed until further notice

Stay classy, GTMO! No alcohol or tobacco at the Lyceums.

REVIEW / NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



This installment, and the final in the "Night at the Museum" trilogy, opens in 1938 Egypt at an archeological sight. C.J. Fredericks (Percy Hynes-White) accidentally falls into the tomb of Ahkmenrah (Rami Malek) and his parents, Pharaoh Menekahre (Sir Ben Kingsley) and Shepsereret (Anjali Jay). With the usual warnings of desecrating tombs bringing a curse being ignored, Ahkmenrah and his tablet are sent to New York, and his father and mother's sarcophagus are sent to England.

Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) American Museum of Natural History night security guard now runs "The Night Program," an evening show put on with a little help from his animated friends who come to life at night through the power of the "Tablet of Ahkmenrah." But on this night, something is not right, Teddy Roosevelt (the late Robin Williams,) Remy, Jedediah (Owen Wilson,) Octavius (Steve Coogan,) and Dexter (Crystal the Monkey) begin to act erratically, causing a minor disaster.

Ahkmenrah tells Larry something is amiss with the tablet. It is corroding and causing the animated exhibits to start losing their magical powers. Ahkmenrah informs Larry that the

Pharaoh is the only one who knows the secret of the tablet.

As Larry's son Nick (Skyler Gisondo) is growing up, Larry wants his son go to college and do better than he has. But Nick wants to be a disc jockey at a night club in Spain. Larry is troubled by this throughout the movie, and tries to find a way to convince Nick it's a bad idea.

The group secures passage to England and has only one night to find the Pharaoh and discover the secrets of the tablet. But it wouldn't be a proper adventure without some of the old gang present. Stow-a-ways Teddy, Jedediah, Octavius, Attila the Hun, Sacagawea and Larry's doppelganger Neanderthal, Laa have managed to come along as well.

In the end, the villain succumbs to his inner good, gives the tablet to Larry and at the very moment of despair, saves them all by placing the tablet in the moonlight. But there is a twist to what seems like the ending. Oh, did you think I was going to spoil the movie? You have to get to one of the Lyceums to find out what that twist is!

Movie review by

STAFF SGT. DARYL MADRID

REVIEW / ANNIE



"Annie" was one of my favorite movies growing up, so I was excited about the reboot. Unfortunately, it fell short of the high hopes I had for it.

I was quite surprised by the movie being revamped with Annie as a foster child instead of an orphan, and bringing in today's technology. Quvenzhané Wallis pretty much carried the movie. Her depiction of Annie as a girl who has seen the more miserable side of life, but kept a positive outlook, was spot on.

I was disappointed with Cameron Diaz' portrayal of Ms. Hannigan. Carol Burnett's version was my absolute favorite, so perhaps I'm biased, knowing all others will fall short. However, Diaz wasn't even on target. Ms. Hannigan is a desperate, lonely woman with a cynical outlook on life, running an orphanage full of little girls she only wants around for the money she receives for holding them. Diaz just didn't give that kind of performance here. It would have been better to just leave her out of it.

Jamie Foxx plays a business man

turned mayoral candidate, looking for a feel-good publicity stunt. The movie follows the same basic plot we know and love but with different politics and technology. Thankfully musical favorites, such as "It's a Hard Knock Life," "Tomorrow," and "Little Girls" are still in the movie.

Although it isn't the 1982 story I have come to love, and the characters aren't necessarily what I would expect, I do feel that for children of this generation, it is a good movie and more relatable to kids now.

The 1982 version, based during the Great Depression, has a lot of references to that era that would go right over a child's head today. Viewing this from more of a child's point of view, I can definitely see the appeal. The music is catchy, and they did a good job of updating it with the times. I give it two stars.

Movie review by
SPC. LIZ SMITH

MWR

SPORTS STANDINGS

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

01	391st Paladins	11-1
02	Hott Fuzz	11-1
03	GTMO Ballers	10-2
04	Grizzlies	10-2
05	BEEF	9-3
06	Shottas	8-4
07	Team Scheme	7-5
08	GTMO Gilas	6-6
09	Philipinas	6-6
10	Daywalkers	6-6
11	Thunder	6-6
12	Busting Shots	5-7
13	Cousy's	3-9
14	Odd Balls	3-9
15	Beserkers	3-9
16	Deadball	3-9
17	GTMO Talent	1-10

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

SINGLES - MALE

01	Ronnie Vasquez	2-0
02	Ron Parker	2-0
03	Grant Wolf	2-2
04	Chip Whaley	0-1
05	Steve Baseden	0-2

DOUBLES

01	Baseden / Parker	3-0
02	Campbell / George	0-1
03	Wolf / Ferguson	0-2



ARMY AIRCORE WINS AGAIN



Staff Sgt. Ananias Ross, non-commissioned officer in charge of accountability for the JTF's Manpower, Personnel and Administration in the Joint Personnel Center, diligently tracks at any given time 2,200 plus Service members stationed on the island of Guantanamo, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Serving in a joint environment is more than just working alongside fellow Service members from sister services, if you're doing it right, it also means having fun with them as well. For Air Force Staff Sgt. Ananias Ross, the GTMO Army-Navy flag football game was the perfect opportunity to do just that.

"Once we decided I was going to play, we decided to go old school and called the team 'the Army Air Corps' for one night – turned out great!" Ross said. "Playing on the Army team was fun, everybody has to make fun of the Air Force guy but it's cool. I liked being the taller little brother of the team."

Playing as a wide receiver during the GTMO Army-Navy game was a whole new exercise for Ross, who has played for all Air Force teams back at his home station.

"I play on a team back home at Scott, but we only play seven on seven. We have a few Navy units that come together to form their own teams and then different Air Force squadrons form their own teams," Ross said. "Here we played a full-

length field, and I've never played with nine people on the field. We also played with field goals which was different. I think that's what actually won it for us this year; we had a great kicker."

Ross, who has been stationed at several air force bases during his eight years in the service, said that the deployment to Guantanamo Bay has been his first chance to really work in a true joint forces environment, both on the field and in the office.

"This deployment is really my first time working in a joint environment. It's different being the only Air Force guy on an all Army team, but we all had fun and came together for the win, just like when we deploy. We're all one big happy family, and we take care of business," Ross said. "It was fun. Everyone had a good time, and it felt good to be able to support my brothers and sisters in the services."

Story and photo by
SGT. CHRIS MOORE



This week the playoff picture became more clear. And well, there are those who stood up to the test and have earned their place, and there

are those who nearly missed the post season. Here are your highlights.

Jacksonville beat Tennessee, in the who-cares game of the week, 21-13, Washington bested Philadelphia 27-24, San Diego came away with the west coast duel over San Francisco 38-35 in overtime. New England barely escaped embarrassment in New Jersey as they defeated the Jets 17-16, Pittsburgh just hammered a faltering Kansas City 20-12, Green Bay won on the road against Tampa Bay 20-3, Atlanta won against New Orleans 30-14 and will play North Carolina next week for the NFC South Division title.

The Panthers will meet the Falcons after they defeated Cleveland this week 17-13, Detroit beat Chicago 20-14, Houston brought the defense to win against Baltimore 25-13, Miami beat Minnesota 37-35, New York beat St. Louis 37-27, Oakland upset Buffalo 26-24, Cincinnati upset Denver on Monday Night Football 37-28. In the

crushing of the week, Seattle trounced Arizona 35-6. In my opinion Arizona held the best record in the league on an injury laden roster, all Seattle proved Sunday was that they could beat a limping team with a fourth string quarterback.

GAME SPOTLIGHT

Dallas had one objective this week – beat the Colts! In similar circumstances to the Cardinals, the Colts were mired with injuries and an offense that couldn't go without all-star receiver T.Y. Hilton and right tackle Gosder Cherilus. For the Cowboys, this was a perfect stage to win big at home and that's just what they did.

Quarterback Tony Romo led the way with 18 out of 20 passing attempts totaling 218 yards and 4 touchdowns. NFL leading rusher DeMarco Murray, who played with a broken hand, had a quiet night but that didn't stop the Cowboys from pounding the Colts 42-7. What does this mean? Well, with the Eagles' loss earlier, the Cowboys locked up their first division title since 2009.

Article by

SGT. ADRIAN BORUNDA



Bowl season is upon us, and though Saturday was really just an appetizer – mildly satisfying

though empty of true sustenance – there were some closely contested, fun games to watch, hopefully a precursor of things to come.

Louisiana Lafayette easily defeated Nevada 16-3 at the New Orleans Bowl. The state of Utah had a great football weekend as Utah State beat UTEP 21-6 in the New Mexico Bowl, and No. 23 Utah easily routed Colorado State 45-10 in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Rams proved they weren't ready for the spotlight, getting shutdown by the first ranked team they faced all year. In a closely contested game, Bowling Green narrowly edged out South Alabama 33-28 on a 78-yard touchdown reception with 1:04 left in the game to win the Camellia Bowl.

The bowl game of the week featured the Air Force Falcons taking on the Western Michigan Broncos. After finishing the season a year ago 2-10, the Falcons finished their amazing turnaround by defeating the Broncos 38-24 in the Famous Idaho

Potato Bowl to cap off a 10-3 season.

There are a whopping 12 bowl games this week. Though most of the games are essentially being played for bragging rights and to end the season on a positive note, there are some intriguing match-ups to watch. Navy takes on San Diego State Tuesday in the Poinsettia Bowl. Though San Diego State is essentially playing on their home turf, the Midshipmen fresh off their defeat of Army will take this one. There are games Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, but it's the Saturday games that offer the most intrigue.

Most notably – of course – No. 15 Arizona State takes on Duke in the Sun Bowl. All three of you who read this column probably already know my pick; the Sun Devils will simply be too hot for Duke's Blue Devils. The final game Saturday features No. 24 USC taking on the tough Nebraska Cornhuskers. I'm not sure what a Cornhusker is but something tells me a Spartan can defeat it.

Fear the fork!

Article by

1ST LT. MACARIO MORA

NFL PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

No.	TEAM NAME	Record
01	Seattle	11-4
02	Detroit	11-4
03	Dallas	11-4
04	Carolina	6-8
05	Green Bay	11-4
06	Arizona	11-4

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

No.	TEAM NAME	Record
01	New England	12-3
02	Denver	11-4
03	Cincinnati	10-4
04	Indianapolis	10-5
05	Pittsburgh	10-5
06	Baltimore	9-6

COLLEGE TOP 25

No.	TEAM NAME	Points
01	Alabama	1,452
02	Florida State	1,436
03	Oregon	1,426
04	Baylor	1,265
05	Ohio State	1,262
06	TCU	1,257
07	Michigan State	1,105
08	Mississippi State	1,070
09	Mississippi	976
10	Georgia Tech	876
11	Kansas State	875
12	Arizona	819
13	Georgia	745
14	UCLA	663
15	Arizona State	602
16	Missouri	599
17	Wisconsin	542
18	Clemson	509
19	Auburn	450
20	Louisville	406
21	Boise State	368
22	LSU	221
23	Utah	134
24	USC	112
25	Nebraska	79

It's amazing what you can do when you try.

KEEP GOING!

It's easy to fall into a rut when it comes to working out. After only a month or two, you may find yourself bored with your routine. However, Guantanamo Bay makes it pretty easy to keep yourself excited about getting into shape!

The G.J. Denich Gym offers a variety of classes to help with whatever your fitness goal is. Attending one or two classes a week may help you stay motivated. One of the more intense classes offered is Weight Express. The class includes information on Olympic-style lifts, including proper form, and going through the routine of circuits and what is available at the gym.

Joseph Belt, MWR fitness director, said another class that's picked up steam is the Total Body Shape for Women. The class is good for a full body workout because of the wide range it covers throughout the week.

As I've discussed the past few weeks, the Fitness and Figure competition is only five months away. If you are looking to compete in that, you may want to check out the MMA Circuit Training.

"It's basically circuits set up that strengthens different muscles that involve kicks, punches and take-downs," Belt said.

There are many more classes available and more times are being added for the January schedule. Don't let all your hard work slip away

just because you are getting bored with your current routine. For more information on each class and to help find which one is best for you, contact Joseph Belt at the Denich Gym.

ARTICLE BY

SPC. MONIQUE QUINONES

JTF MEDIA RELATIONS

HEALTHY SNACK OPTIONS

- HIGH FIBER, LOW SUGAR CEREAL
- CANNED TUNA OR SALMON
- DRIED FRUIT
- NATURAL PEANUT BUTTER
- TRAIL MIX
- LOW-FAT OR GREEK YOGURT

- UNSWEETENED APPLESAUCE
- FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES
- WHOLE WHEAT BREAD OR BAGEL
- LOW-FAT CREAM CHEESE
- HIGH-FIBER, LOW SUGAR SNACK BARS
- NUTS

- HARD-BOILED EGGS
- LOW-FAT OR NONFAT MILK
- SOY MILK



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THE HOLIDAY BLUES

The holidays are a time of joy! Yet for many individuals, they can also trigger symptoms of anxiety and depression. But why?

We know the media, our coworkers, friends and family tell us we are supposed to be happy, but we often don't feel that happiness. One reason may be the difference between how we actually feel, and what we think we are supposed to feel. This can cause guilt and confusion. Another relates to our mental record of previous holidays, causing us to feel a sense of loss. Those previous memories, where we happily spent time with our family and close friends, may leave us feeling lonely when we are separated from them.

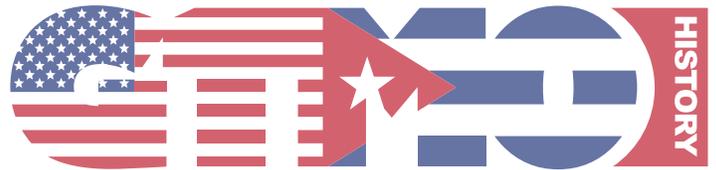
There are various things you can do to beat the blues. The first step is to realize that it's OK to feel what you feel. Self-acceptance

and recognizing these feelings will subside, like a passing wave, can help. Forcing feelings that aren't there will only make matters worse. Volunteering is another great way to make you feel good and embrace what the season is truly about; there are no rules for how you spend your holidays. Also, try to stay busy – too much time spent alone may bring you down. So, if old traditions bring up unhappy memories, start new ones. If you don't have family, share the holidays with friends.

If the blues become too much for you to handle, talk to a friend, chaplain or stop by JSMART. Don't let seasonal blues beat you! Have a Happy Holiday from your JSMART team.

Article by

**PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS
ROBERT MCQUEEN**



GUANTANAMO DECEMBER 1962 - 1971



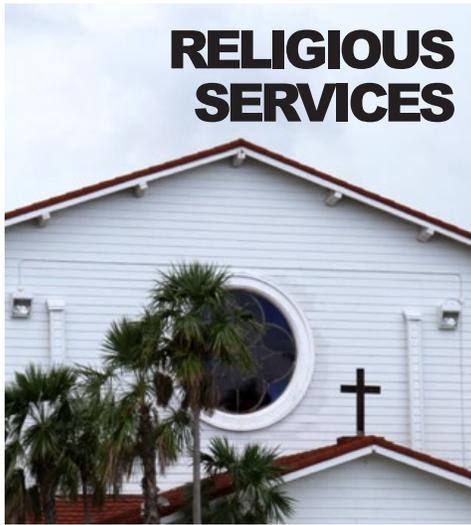
Zsa Zsa Gabor and Bob Hope perform at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in the early 1960's. Photo courtesy of NY Daily News.

Over the decades, many celebrities have visited GTMO during the holidays. Perry Como came in December 1962 to welcome back dependents returning after the Cuban Missile Crisis. Ed Sullivan filmed his 1962 Christmas show here. Dorothy Lamour performed here in 1966,

and Art Linkletter showed up in May 1969. Bob Hope, Jim Nabors and Charley Pride filmed Bob Hope's Christmas Special here in 1971.

Article by

SGT. 1ST CLASS ROBERT FREESE



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC (NAVSTA CHAPEL)

Saturday*	1700
Sunday*	0900
Mon-Thurs*	1730

PROTESTANT SERVICES (JTF TROOPERS' CHAPEL)

Sunday*	0640
	0900
	1900

PROTESTANT SERVICES (NAVSTA CHAPEL)

Traditional*	Sunday	0930	Annex Room 1	(Liturgical Service)
Contemporary*	Sunday	1100	Main Chapel	
Gospel	Sunday	1300	Main Chapel	

OTHER SERVICES

Islamic Prayers	Friday	1315	Annex Room 2	
7th Day Adventist	Saturday	0900	Annex Room 1	(Sabbath School)
	Saturday	1100	Annex Room 1	(Sabbath Service)
Latter Day Saints	Sunday	0900	Annex Room 2	
Pentacostal	Sunday	0800	Annex Room D	
	Sunday	1700	Annex Room D	
JTF Bible Study*	Monday	2000	Cuzco Block H	
New Christian's Inquiry*	Wednesday	1900	JTF Troopers' Chapel	
	Saturday	1900	Troopers' Chapel	
Christian Fellowship	Sunday	1800	Main Chapel	(Non-denominational)

*These services are conducted by Army or Navy chaplains

NEW GALLEY PRICES

MEAL	STANDARD	DISCOUNT
BREAKFAST	\$3.45	\$2.60
LUNCH	\$5.55	\$4.20
DINNER	\$4.85	\$3.65
BRUNCH	\$6.25	\$4.70
SUPPER	\$7.65	\$5.75
HOLIDAY	\$9.05	\$6.80
NIGHT SNACK	\$3.45	\$2.60

BUS SCHEDULE

CAMP AMERICA	:00/:20/:40
GAZEBO	:01/:18/:21/:38/:41/:58
CAMP AMERICA NEX	:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57
CAMP DELTA	:04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53
CAMP 6	:07/:10/:27/:30/:47/:50
HQ BUILDING	:55/:15/:35
TK 1	:01/:17/:21/:37/:41/:57
TK 2	:02/:16/:22/:36/:42/:56
TK 3	:03/:15/:23/:35/:43/:55
TK 4	:04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53
CC	:00/:19/:20/:39/:40/:59
JAS	:14/:34/: 54
WINDJAMMER / GYM	:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57
GOLD HILL GALLEY	:04/:15/:24/:35/:44/:55
NEX	:06/:13/:26/:33/:46/:53
NEX LAUNDRY	:07/:27/:47
C POOL	:10/:30/:50
DOWNTOWN LYCEUM	:11/:31/:51

NEX EXP. BUS 09:55 - 19:55 hourly

CAMP AMERICA	:48/:55
TK 1	:05/:36
WINDJAMMER / GYM	:11/:31
GOLD HILL GALLEY	:14/:29
NEX	:16/:27
DOWNTOWN LYCEUM	:17/:25

BEACH BUS

(SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY)

WINDWARD LOOP / E. CARAVELLA	0900/0930/1200/1230/1500/1530/1800/1830
SBOQ / MARINA	0905/0935/1205/1235/1505/1535/1805/1835
NEX	0908/0925/1208/1225/1508/1525/1808/1825
PHILLIPS PARK	0914/ 1214/1514/1814
CABLE BEACH	0917/1217/1517/1817
RETURN TO OFFICE	0940/1240/1540/1840

FERRY SCHEDULE

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

FERRY

WINDWARD	0630/0730/0930/1030/1130/1330/1530/1630
LEEWARD	0700/0800/1000/1100/1200/1400/1600

UTILITY BOAT

WINDWARD	1630/1730/1830/2030/2230/2330
LEEWARD	1700/1800/1900/2100/2300/0000

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS

FERRY

WINDWARD	0730/1330
LEEWARD	0800/1400

UTILITY BOAT

WINDWARD	1030/1530/1730/1830/2030/2230
LEEWARD	1100/1600/1800/1900/2100/2300

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PARTING SHOT



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